

# *How to Make Things*

WITH

# Cellophane



*A Book of Suggestions*

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## **CELLOPHANE**

### **Plays a Part in Your Daily Life for Pleasure and Profit.**

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The almost universal use of *Cellophane* by the better class of manufacturers and marketers for packaging, preserving and decorating their products has caused an unsolicited demand from the public for retail packages of this delightfully new, useful and beautiful substance. A study of these requests has enabled us to offer a package of *Cellophane* in a convenient form for the home, and to provide a number of suggestions for the novel and interesting use of plain and colored *Cellophane* for practical and pleasurable purposes. It helps you save; it gives you pleasure, and reduces house work. It is a modern necessity in the modern home.

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# How to Use CELLOPHANE for Making Gifts

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*Cellophane* for home-made gifts has a thousand uses. Here are a score or more that will suggest many others.

There are four simple basic operations for making *Cellophane* novelties, gifts, decorations and wrappings which are comparatively simple. When you have mastered them you will find it easy enough to create other things than this book will describe.

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## Lamp Shades and Decorations and Daylite Lamp

If you work with colors at night with an ordinary light, you can produce the white daylight effect by wrapping a sheet of light blue *Cellophane* loosely around your light bulb, securing it in place with a rubber band.

### Decorated Lights

For parties indoors or on the lawn, a brilliant and varied illumination may be secured by cutting and forming shades from sheets of colored *Cellophane*. Cardboard or wire frames may be used. A little ingenuity will produce some beautiful effects.

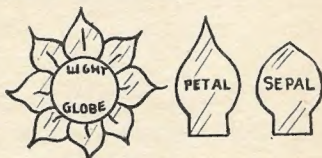
### Christmas Lighting Effects

Be sure and make *Cellophane* shades for your *Christmas Tree Lights* this year. It's the newest thing.

### Christmas Tree Ornaments

Tree ornaments, icicles, and chains are quickly and so easily made from this beautiful material.

Use other ornaments for models.



### Cellophane Flower Shades

Cut as many petals and sepals as you require; attach to light socket with mucilage or rubberband.

### Cellophane Panel Shades

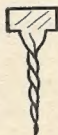


Cut out shade form from cardboard, glue together and glue *Cellophane* panels to the inside. One or more colors may be used.

### Christmas Tree Light Shades



Cut a five-sided shape out of an 8-inch square of *Cellophane*. Place point of globe in center of sheet; twist five corners into points, star shape.



### Cellophane Icicles

Cut a triangle 6 to 12 inches long. Hold large end lightly, twist point. These may be made in strips.



## Make-up Bands

The messy job of applying cold cream to the face is simplified and made dainty by the use of *Cellophane* make-up bands. Make these by cutting a sheet of moisture-proof *Cellophane* into two-inch strips the length of the sheet. Thus one sheet of *Cellophane* makes enough for many days' use—or a nice package for a gift.



To use: Bind around the head at the hair line and fasten with a clip, protecting and holding the hair back from the face.

## Hair Ribbons

Novel hair ribbons for women and girls may be made from strips of colored *Cellophane*. Plain ribbons, to be tied as used, may be made of plain strips cut to a suitable size.

More attractive hair retainers may be made by following the instructions for making belts on page 4. Measure the head for size with a tape measure.



## Hat Bags




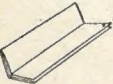
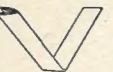




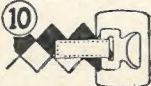
*Cellophane* hat bags will preserve your millinery from dust and keep the ornaments bright. With many small hats, you'll find the one you want easily, if you keep them in *Cellophane*.

## Palm Beach Belt

It takes two sheets of *Cellophane* of the desired color or combination of colors, such as white and gold, red and blue, etc. The *Cellophane* sheets of the large size are put up in the Brooks' Household Roll, obtainable at your favorite store. Buckles can be bought at the jewelry department in each respective store. For the above belt these sheets are cut into pieces 3 by 4 inches. The belts can be made in a short time in your spare moments.



### Double Strand Belt Instructions

- ①  (1) Sheets of *Cellophane*, 3"x4".
- ②  (2) Divide the sheet into thirds the 3" way.
- ③  (3) Fold sheet together forming a strip 1"x4".
- ④  (4) Fold 1"x4" strip in half making a strip 1/2"x4".
- ⑤  (5) Fold the 4" strip in half.
- ⑥  (6) Fold the ends toward the center and bring up the two extreme ends.
- ⑦  (7) Hook loops together by inserting ends of one piece through the side folds of another.
- ⑧  (8) Continue inserting pieces until desired length is obtained.
- ⑨  (9) Fasten buckle with *Cellophane* strip, glued to belt with *Cellophane* glue  
or
- ⑩  (10) Sew *Cellophane* belt to buckle with cloth tape.

Cutting may be done with circular knife, scissors, or other sharp instrument. The strips may be obtained by folding and cutting the large sheet of *Cellophane* to the required size (2x5" or 3x4"), according to the type of belt desired.

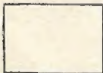
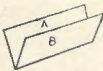
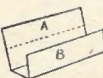
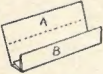
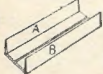
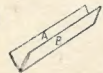






## Lido Belt



*Cellophane* sheets of the desired color or combination of colors, blue and white, red and blue, etc., are cut into pieces 2x5 inches. Each piece is doubled three times across the short way, making a strip  $\frac{1}{4}$ x5 inches. Crease the 5-inch length in the middle, fold in the two ends to the middle, double at the crease, making the length  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches. This is folded so that there are loops formed, and through these loops is thrust a similar piece of *Cellophane*. These are standard size strips.

### Four-Strand Belt Instructions

In starting the four-strand belt—take two standard strips and cut off  $\frac{1}{4}$  the length—take another and cut its length in half—fold as above and start the assembling as per illustration No. 9.

- ①  (1) Single sheet of 2"x5" *Cellophane*.
- ②  (2) Crease the sheet through the center across the short way of the sheet.
- ③  (3) Fold side "B" in half toward the center.
- ④  (4) Fold "B" again in half.
- ⑤  (5) Fold side "A" in the same manner as "B."
- ⑥  (6) Fold into a single strip  $\frac{1}{4}$ "x5".
- ⑦  (7) Fold the 5" strip in half.
- ⑧  (8) Fold the ends toward the center and bring up the two extreme ends.
- ⑨  (9) Number One is standard length — Number Two is  $\frac{1}{4}$  shorter in length — Number Three is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of standard.
- ⑩  (10) Pass the three different lengths through strip Number Two which gives you a set-up as shown.
- ⑪  (11) Take one standard strip of the contrasting color, No. A. Pass through the loop provided by number one—over number two strip—through the loop of number three. Take another strip—pass it through opening B in the same manner as mentioned for strip A. Do likewise with strip C.
- ⑫  (12) The next three strips D, E and F are passed through the openings of strips A, B and C in the same manner as you inserted A, B and C. Continue inserting three strips vertical and then three strips to the horizontal.



### To Prepare Crushed Strips

(1) Cut strips in widths according to thickness of weave or braid desired. Two inches wide is a good size to work with.

(2) Draw strips through fingers until they are pleated and crushed together.

(3) For long braids or weaving, tie together, or fasten ends of strip together, with mucilage ( $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch overlap), then wind on cardboard spindle or bobbin, or attach as necessary.

### To Prepare Spun Strips

(1) Cut sheets of *Cellophane* into suitable widths, according to the thickness of weave or braid desired. From  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch to 3 inches wide is workable.

(2) If only a small quantity of loose spun strips are desired, it may be done by hand—Hold one end tight and twist the other.

(3) If evenly twisted long spun strips are desired, tie strips together, fasten one end in a mechanical device, such as a breast-drill. Have one person turn the drill and another spin the strip through the fingers until tightness desired is secured. Stretch strip before releasing to keep it from unspinning.



## Calling Card Case, Coin Purse and Mirror

To make an attractive mirror, coin purse, and card case set for your handbag, you may either crush strips and weave, or fold sheets, as in the Lido Belt, for the basic form. Decide on the size purse you want, measure the amount of material you need, and prepare it—either folded strips or crushed strips. Then make a strip of plaited or woven material sufficient for front and back; fold together, bind the bottom and one side, edge with metal cloth tape and line with moire silk to match the color scheme you have selected.

### Coin Purse

Identical procedure, but for the coin purse add zipper tape to top edge, sew to both lining and *Cellophane*.

### Purse Mirror

Make material to fit a 2"x 3" mirror, and either fasten to mirror with glue, or bind with metal cloth tape on the edges.

### Card Case and Coin Purse



Zipper Tape Edge

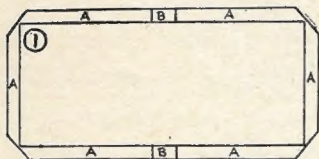


Mirror Back

## Book Jackets, Covers and Bindings

*Cellophane* is ideal for protecting or adding to the beauty of your books. Brighten up your book case or library table with cheerful *Cellophane* book covers.

### The Plain Book Cover



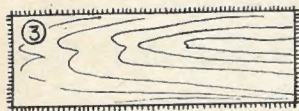
Place the book on a sheet of *Cellophane* and cut out per this diagram. Turn the edges (A) in and stick to the cover with mucilage or glue. Trim off tabs (B).

### The Book Jacket



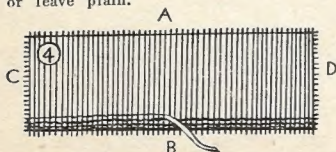
For durability, made of woven crushed strips with ends turned in and bound per this diagram.

## To Weave Crushed Strips of Cellophane



(3) Weave on the warp of crushed *Cellophane*, spun *Cellophane*, or folded strips (for book cover, crushed *Cellophane* strips are best), from A to B and back.

(4) Now weave in, over and under with strips of crushed *Cellophane*, as indicated, until piece is complete. Turn selvage around pins for novel edge or leave plain.



(1) Cut a board the size of the cover of the book, plus 4 inches in length for overlap on each end. Be sure it is cut square.

(2) Drive in nails or pins, as indicated by diagram No. 3, top, bottom and both ends. Space from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch apart, according to weave desired.

(5) For book cover, fold ends back as indicated in diagram No. 2 above, and weave selvage edges together.

(6) For handbag, handkerchief case, or other purse-like form, weave on woof from A to B and back to A on the opposite side of the board. In weaving, continue around the board for an even edge, or tie ends of strips at C and D for a tasseled edge.

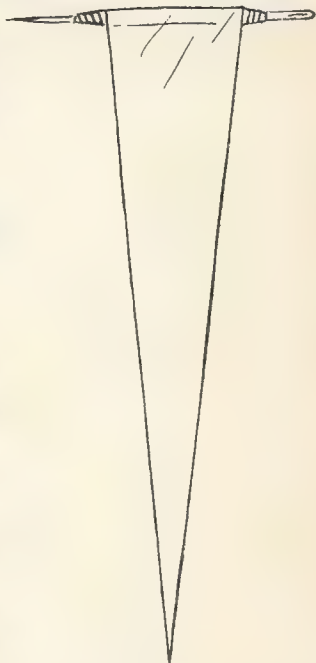
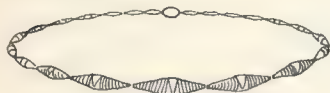
(7) For handbag, line and sew in zipper tape.

## Beads

### *For Many Uses*



Beautiful pearlescent and colored beads for fringes, ornaments, bead applique or even costume jewelry may easily be made from *Cellophane*.



(1) Cut strips of *Cellophane* in straight-edge triangles from sheets.

(2) Roll strip, starting with wide end, on a needle.

(3) Roll tightly, keep point of triangle centered.

(4) Glue point and withdraw needle.

(5) String beads on linen thread, or form into designs by stringing on wire.



A little experimenting will make you expert. Don't give up. The knack of making the beads will come quickly.



## Braided Strips

(1) To braid crushed or spun *Cellophane* strips, use the usual three-strand plait, starting with short strips and adding as you go.

(2) A single strip may be crocheted with the fingers by fastening up one end and working the loops tightly.

(3) Braided strips are desirable for handles for baskets or other places where thickness and strength are desirable. Thin braids may be woven or rebraided in mixed colors.

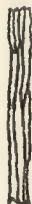
## *Cellophane* Hot Pads.

(4) Braided strips may be laced or sewn together to make hot pads or durable and decorative trays or coasters.

Any person with clever hands can make these things. Or, if your hands aren't clever, this is a good way to train them, and to save money.



(1) Spun



(2) Crush



(3) Braid



(4) Crochet



Sew

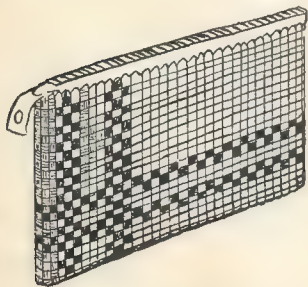


## Hand Bag and Handkerchief Case

Follow the instruction for the making of the book jacket on page 8. It is desirable to have a color scheme in mind, and better still to plan to match a costume with your work.

*Cellophane* comes in many beautiful modern colors and is easily adaptable. Be sure you know what it looks like when it is crushed or spun. Clear white turns to silver or pearl when crushed or folded.

Plan your design before you start. Six by nine inches is a handy size.



The handkerchief case is made with two cases—one like the handbag and one  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch smaller in length. One fits into the other.

Seven and one-half by ten inches makes a good size.

Even larger cases, such as are used for shirts, may be made of woven strips of *Cellophane*—a lining adds to its

beauty, durability and finish—fastening an envelope of of sheet *Cellophane* to the inside of any case or container with mucilage makes it dustproof. This suggestion will apply to containers you now use.

## Folded and Formed Novelties for Bridge and Party Tables

Many novelties such as place cards, score pads, etc., can be made from, or decorated with *Cellophane*. Trick folds which we learned in school, may be applied for beautiful results in *Cellophane*. Folds as described for Palm Beach belts may be used.

The following suggestions are made for folded novelties:

- (1) Napkin Rings—(Palm Beach fold).
- (2) Nut Cups (same)—(glue to colored cards).
- (3) Place Cards—(write the cards and wrap in colored *Cellophane*).
- (4) Score-pad Holders—(same as cardcase—see page 7).
- (5) Playing Card Case—(cover cardboard case, same as mirror, see page 7).
- (6) Table Number Holders—(same as above).



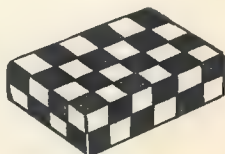
Napkin Ring



Nut Cups



Score Pad



Playing Cards



## Baskets, Bowls and Card Trays

These articles are useful, attractive and durable. Beautiful gifts well worth the time you spend on them. Good in all colors.

(1) A small wire lamp shade form makes the best base for your work.

(2) Make a 2-inch ring of spun strips.

(3) Cut *Cellophane* into 2x22-inch strips.

(4) Place 10 strips through ring and fold over.

(5) Center ring in small end of frame.

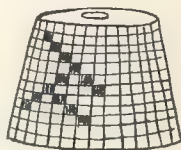
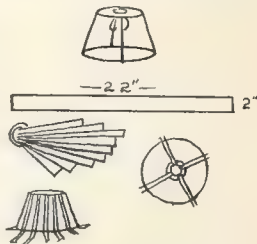
(6) Bring strips over frame to top edge and tie to frame. Space evenly.

(7) Now take strips of *Cellophane* and weave in and out around the form from the ring out, until you reach the edge. Work as closely and tightly as possible.

(8) If you weave tightly, you may remove the wire frame. If the weaving is loose you will need it for rigidity.

(9) When weaving is finished, the loose ends tied at top may be twisted and braided together to form a trim for the edge of the basket.

(10) A handle may be braided of suitable strips and spliced into the weave or sewn on the inside.



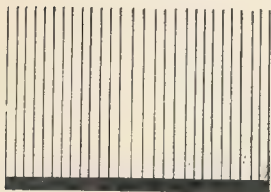
## Flask, Flower Vases, Jars, Etc.

These may be made from crushed, folded or spun *Cellophane*, depending on the nature and use of the container.

(1) Procure flask or other container and *Cellophane*.



(2) Measure base circumference. Cut a strip of *Cellophane* of the darkest color you plan to use  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch longer than the measurement.



(3) Then prepare crushed or folded *Cellophane* strips as long as the container is high, plus 3 inches for curves. Cut one strip for each  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in the circumference of the base.



(4) Fasten one end of these strips at half-inch intervals onto the base strip with mucilage. These strips should be made of the lightest material.



(5) Then stick the base strip with attached light strips to base of container. Let dry until firm.

(6) Hold light strips to top with rubber band and weave in darker strips to top. Glue ends of strips on each turn. Do not use a continuous strip except on a small container.

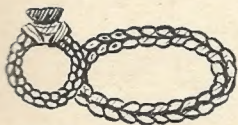


(7) Finish with a band of darkest color glued on to bind all ends.

Any interestingly shaped glass container may be used as a base for this decoration. The stores offer cheap glass forms entirely suitable.

## Things for the Kiddies to Make

### *Cellophane "Jewelry"*

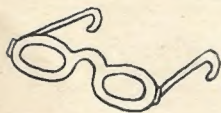


Amber *Cellophane* may be spun and crocheted into circlets of bright golden color. Topaz and blue, twisted and tied in with strips and glue makes most attractive jewelry.

### *Cellophane Spinners*



All the old "school tricks" with paper can be used with *Cellophane*, the brilliant modern material. The bright colorful effect makes *Cellophane* toys worth-while.



### *Goggles Cut from Cardboard*

With amber *Cellophane* glued on for lenses, makes a good toy and a real eye protection, too.



### *Cut-outs of Colored Cellophane*

Traced from children's books and fastened to the window pane with egg-white, make the nursery a merry place.

### *Colored Cellophane Cut Out in Mosaic Patterns*

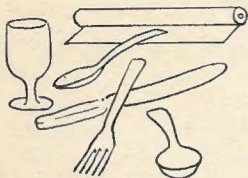


Mosaic patterns glued to smooth white cardboard make very interesting and artistic pictures for framing.

The crinkly effect or the smooth may be used by the young artist.

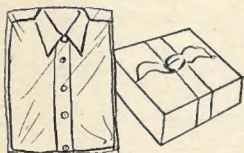


## For Household Uses



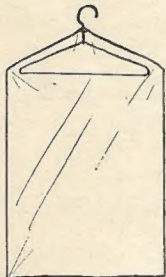
### Wrap Your "Good" Silver in *Cellophane*

When you put it away. It will save you a hard cleaning job if you will.



### Shirts and Linens

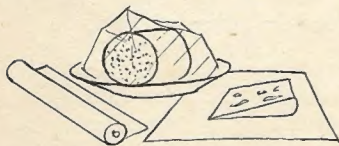
And other articles of fine fabric quality are much better preserved when protected by *Cellophane*.



### You Can Make Your Own Clothes Hanger Covers of *Cellophane*

Or buy them ready-made. Your fine suits and dresses will stay fresh and clean, and *easy to find*.

## Moisture-Proof *Cellophane* for Food—a New Product



Wrap the things you put away in your refrigerator in moisture-proof *Cellophane* if you want to preserve their own fine original flavor intact.

Ask your dealer for this new product.

## THE VOGUE

Nineteen hundred thirty-two has set many new styles. *Cellophane* has surely taken its place as a leader in these. You will want to be in the swim.

The newest thing is *Cellophane* Clubs, where the fashionable matron and miss join in making gifts, novelties and plainly useful things of *Cellophane*. With the friendly gossip, they pass on to each other new ideas for *Cellophane* novelties. They trade bits of *Cellophane* and help each other work out new things.

You should be the first in your neighborhood to start a *Cellophane* Club.

### Cellophane Wedding Anniversary

Hollywood's famous movie colony has established *Cellophane* as the anniversary symbol of the first six months of marriage. Already up - to - the - minute folks have grasped the idea and *Cellophane*-wrapped gifts and remembrances made of *Cellophane* honor the occasion.

## Will Make These Attractive Novelties

By applying the instructions and suggestions on preceding pages, you can make not only the articles suggested there but many others as well. The following is an incomplete list of suggestions, but it will help you think of other uses:

Belts  
Lamp shades  
Christmas tree lights  
Christmas tree ornaments  
Make-up bands  
Hair ornaments  
Coin purses  
Card cases  
Book covers  
Book jackets  
Trays  
Bowls  
Bracelets  
Beads  
Napkin rings  
Place cards  
Nut cups  
Score-pad holders  
Playing card cases  
Costume jewelry  
Fruit baskets  
Handbags  
Vase decorations  
Flowers (artificial)

Party favors  
Glare shield (auto)  
Sun-tan blanket  
Window decoration  
Shelf paper and trim  
Hat bands  
Cabinet door curtain  
Gift wrapping  
Food wrapping  
Left-over covers  
Table decoration  
Pet collars  
Pet leashes  
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